



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

12.09.25

Dear parents and carers,

We have enjoyed our first full week back in school. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their learning and getting used to new routines. Thank you to all the staff for helping make the start of term so smooth and positive.

We are looking forward to the weeks ahead.

KS2 Mass at St Mary's Church

On Wednesday, our KS2 classes attended Mass at St Mary's Church to mark the start of the new school year, Our Lady's Birthday, and the Care of Creation.

The children behaved very well. They listened, sang beautifully and showed great respect throughout.

Fr Marsden spoke to the children about the awe and wonder of God's creation; he reminded us all of our responsibility to look after the world around us.

Thank you to Fr Marsden for celebrating Mass and welcoming us so warmly.

Football trials and football matches

Earlier in the week children in school were invited to trial for the St Mary's football team. It is always a very difficult task for Mr Hodge to choose a squad. Thank you to the children for taking part and thanks to Mr Hodge for organising it. Tonight, a team is representing St Mary's in the first tournament night of the CSSP Football League. Good luck to the team and thanks to Mr Hodge for taking them along.

Reception Class Photograph

A photographer has been booked to take a class photo of the reception class on Monday morning

EYFS Breakfast Stay & Play - Wednesday 10 September 8.30 am - 9.30am

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the first of our EYFS Stay and Play sessions this year. We hope you gained a good insight into how your children learn in the reception and nursery classes. Thank you to all the staff for organising the session.

Sacramental Class Meeting – Cheese and Wine evening 6pm Tuesday 23 September at 6pm

There is a meeting in school for parents and carers of children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during the coming school year.

The meeting will take place in the school hall on September 23 at 6pm. At the meeting Mrs Grzeczynska, Lead Catechist and School Governor, will introduce herself and share some information regarding the Sacramental Programme (Family Catechesis) for the coming year. It will also provide an opportunity for parents and carers to ask any questions that they may have.

The Fantastic Mr Fox at Adlington library - 2pm on Saturday 13th September – message from Friends of Adlington Library

To celebrate Roald Dahl week, we are showing the film The Fantastic Mr Fox at Adlington library at 2pm on Saturday 13th September. Please could you pass on the details to your pupils, staff, and parents, etc. We will also be doing Mr Fox crafts at the Coffee Morning on 13th Sept. 10am start. Thank you for your support. Friends of Adlington Library

Volunteers

We really appreciate the help we receive from parents and grandparents who come in to help with reading, supporting children's learning, clubs etc. We have had a couple of parents in recent years who started by volunteering and then have decided to pursue a career in teaching! A big thank you to all our returning volunteers this year – you make a massive difference!

If you feel you can spare half an hour or more a week please get in touch with the school office. Many thanks.

Open Evening -Tuesday 30 September at 6pm

We are having our Open Evening on Tuesday 30 September at 6pm. So if you know anyone who might be interested in a place in our reception class for their child in September 2026, please let them know.

Some beginning of school year and nursery year reminders



Earrings and Jewellery - For safety reasons, earrings are not to be worn in school. If parents wish their children to have their ears pierced then please have them done at the beginning of the six-week break to allow ears to heal. The only form of jewellery children are permitted to wear is watches.

Hair styles

We expect pupils to have sensible hairstyles. Cuts, dyed hair or styles, which in the judgement of the school are extreme, are not acceptable. Please keep the school a fashion-free zone!

Shoes



Pupils are expected to wear plain black shoes. Again, we want school to remain a fashion-free zone. Some sports companies make black trainers for children. We ask you not to use these for school. They are trainers and not shoes and, of course, the children will prefer to wear them! However, once one has them this puts pressure on the other children to ask their parents for them. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



Labelling Uniforms



The children really look smart in their uniforms but so that bits and pieces do not go missing, please ensure that **all items** are labelled clearly with your child's name. Thank you. If items do go missing then the lost property box is available on **Tuesdays** after school by the front entrance.

Health and Safety notices

Grapes in lunch boxes



If your child brings grapes to school either as a snack or as part of their packed lunch, it is very important that grapes are halved first. This is because whole grapes present a significant risk of choking hazard to children.

Parking

By way of a reminder at the start of the school year, I would appreciate your co-operation in parking safely and considerately at drop-off and pick-up times. **Please do not park on the staff carpark, the yellow zig zag lines** outside the gates and please do not park **across resident's driveways**. Thank you.



School entrance

At the start and end of the school day there are two entrances to the school in use: Walgarth Drive and Warton Place. The Warton Place entrance can also be accessed from Hornchurch Drive via the alleyway that runs parallel to the staff car park. **Please do not use the path in the staff car park entrance.** This may only be used during the school day when the other entrances are locked.

Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

Find out if you are eligible and find out how to apply – follow this link.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Message from the Children and Family Wellbeing Service about the Talkzone Service

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Get advice and support

Someone to talk to
Problems at home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
Staying safe online
Sex and health
Relationships

Mental Health
Self Harm
Bullying
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Things to do
Housing, rights and money
What age can I?

facebook.com/LancashireYZ
twitter.com/LancashireYPS
You can contact us 365 days a year
2pm to 10pm

Age 0-19
(up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

talk zone
Text 07786 51 11 11
Talk online lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone
Call 0800 51 11 11

lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire
County Council

Hello

I would like to share with you details of Lancashire County Council's Talkzone virtual information, advice and support service for you to be able to pass this on to young people and/or parents who it might be helpful to.

Talkzone is part of the wider Children and Family Wellbeing Service Offer and operates every day from **2pm till 10pm** including weekends and bank holidays.

We have professional and friendly advisors who can give impartial advice and information on a wide range of issues. We can also signpost young people and families to group work sessions or one-to-one support.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2025/2026 W/E 12/09/2025



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 2	99.40
2 nd	YEAR 4	98.79
3 rd	YEAR 1	97.02
4 th	YEAR 5	96.98
5 th	RECEPTION	96.89
6 th	YEAR 6	94.53
7 th	YEAR 3	93.93

Congratulations to **Y4** on their **100%** attendance this week!

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 12.09.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... & Value of the week for ...
Nursery	s	Karl	Super use of his manners in Nursery
	v	Harry	Following rules and helping others to learn
	Dojo	Romee	
R	s	Noah	For always setting a good example to others
	v	Hallie	For always helping others
	Dojo	Olivia	
Y1	s	Darcey	Trying her best with her writing.
	v	Rayne	Spotting a classmate needed something and passing it to them.
	Dojo	Joey	
Y2	s	Eleanor	For working so hard all week and completing her work to a very high standard.
	v	Marnie	For serving during class by actively participating in tasks, helping classmates, and engaging in acts of kindness.
	Dojo	Eleanor	
Y3	s	Evie Wi	For hard work and perseverance in mathematics
	v	Keeley	For giving her time and effort to support others
Y4	s	Clara	Great diary from the point of view of Nessie
	v	Ruby F	For helping others in class
Y5	s	Tommy K	For creating a super first impression on his first couple of weeks back in school.
	v	Arlo	Making a conscious effort to support others.
Y6	s	India	For always setting a good example in everything that she does.
	v	Penny	For always helping others.

Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth
Headteacher